LAWYER SAYS JUDGES ARE BIASED

Herbert N. De Wolfe of Tacoma Makes Sensational Charges Against Washington State Supreme Court.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Tacoma, Wash., June 29.—Demanding an investigation of the state supreme court by the legislature, Attorney Herbert N. De Wolfe of Tacoma has filed with the latter body a complaint in which every member of the court excepting Judge Parker is charged with "directly and wilfully violating his oath of office, and that in four specifically named cases erroneous decisions were handed down either for a monetary consideration or for political prestige."

"In all of these cases," says the complainant, "the opinions of the court are couched in such language that any one reading them would be led to believe that the cases had been decided correctly according to the law and the facts, but an investigation of the records will clearly substantiate my charges of corruption."

In three of the cases cited by De Wolfe, in which he was counsel, the interests of the Stone and Webster people, operating the Seattle Electric company, were concerned, and in the fourth case, the Mutual Life Insurance company, represented by attorneys interested in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer, was the victor by the supreme court's decision.

Attorney De Wolfe first submitted his complaint to Governor Hay with the request that it be submitted to the legislature. The governor, however, returned the document to De Wolfe, accompanied with a letter saying that unless De Wolfe "could furnish proof that the members of the supreme court have accepted bribes or have been corrupt he did not feel like placing it before the legislature."

"I must have reasonable proof that they have been corrupt," said Hay in his letter.

On receiving the governor's letter, De Wolfe submitted the whole thing to the legislature, but he declared that there is a disposition manifested by some of the members to ignore the charges he makes.

De Wolfe defies the supreme court to cite him for contempt. He declares he has no selfish motives in bringing up the charges but is doing it as a service to the practicting attorneys of the state, as he is retiring from the practice of the law. In his complaint he says:

"The cases cited by me are not the only ones which have been so treated by the supreme court. A practicing attorney dare not raise his voice in protest but must graciously receive the harpoon and say nothing."

The justices whom De Wolfe specifically charges with corruption are Rudkin, Fullerton, Mount, Dunbar, Crow, Gose, Chadwick and Morris.

Whether or not the legislature takes up his charges, De Wolfe says he will place his complaint before the state bar association.

MURDER BY INDIANS IN SKEENA VALLEY

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Hazleton, B. C., June 29.—The finding of the lacerated body of a white settler near Clearwater, presumably murdered by disgruntled Indians, has caused great excitement here and in the valley generally and a serious clash between the whites and Indians may result. The body, which has not been identified, was found floating in the Skeena river yesterday. It was destitute of clothing, with two bullet wounds, one in the breast and one in the hip. The face had been slashed and the arms and hands bore evidence of a grim, unequal fight for life.

The Indians are defiant and it is asserted they are responsible for the tragedy. A provincial constable has already left to pick the slender threads that may lead to the arrest of the murderer. It is stated his mission among the Indians will be a dangerous one.

Benson Issues Call.

(By Journal Leased Salem Wire.)

Salem, Or., June 29.—Governor Benson has issued a call for a meeting of the commission for the treatment of tuberculosis at Salem, Thursday, July 1. This will be the second meeting of the commission. At a former meeting the board organized, but did no further business than to discuss plans and made a visit to the present site of the deaf mute school for the purpose of looking over the place preparatory to selecting a location for a sanitarium. The deaf mute school is soon to be moved to a new location.

To furnish a feeling of comfort as well as giving the appearance of a complete clothes change, there is nothing to take the place of a neat Wash Vest. Special showing this week—43 patterns to choose from—at...$1.50

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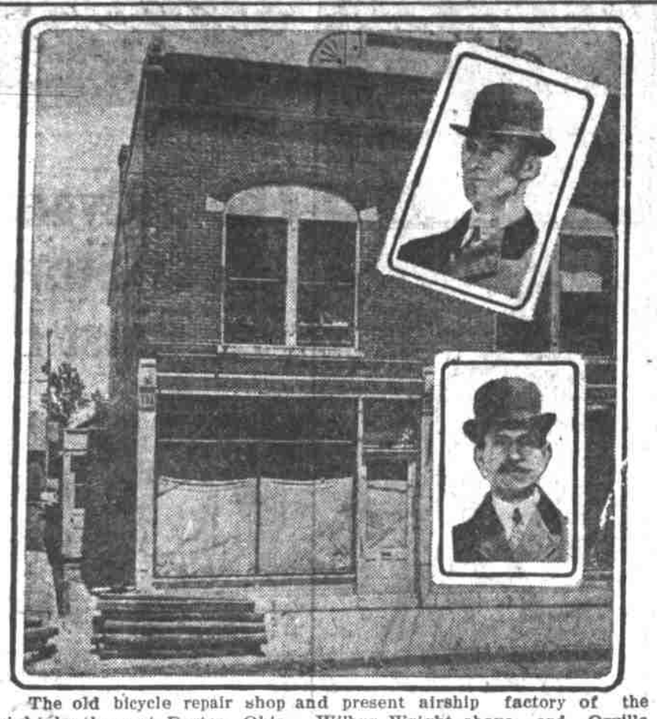


The old bicycle repair shop and present airship factory of the Wright brothers at Dayton, Ohio. Wilbur Wright above and Orville Wright below.

LAFE PENCE GETS HIS MONEY BACK

Court Orders City Auditor to Return Check Given as Surety a Year Ago.

Lafe Pence has at last secured possession of his check for $500 put up with the city as a guarantee that he would remove a flume from Macleay park. The check was demanded by Mayor Lane and the park board nearly two years ago and despite the fact that Pence removed the flume the mayor would not relinquish the check.

He wanted to hold the piece of paper as a deterrent on the flume builder in case he might take a notion to trespass again on city property. Another agreement was made between Pence and the city, however, by which the city was to become owner of the flume if it were not removed at the time agreed upon. This contract, advised the city attorney, annulled all former ones and he wrote an opinion in which he declared that the city had no right to retain possession of the check. Judge E. C. Bronaugh issued a writ of Mandamus last Saturday and the city auditor had to give the $500 back to Pence.

PARENTS ARGUE PAST IS NO BAR

Reformed Parents Seek Custody of Six-Year-Old Daughter.

Another struggle over the custody of 6-year-old Henriette Priolet is to take place in the juvenile court this afternoon, when the petition of Henri Unglas, who admits that he is the father of the child, will be heard. About two weeks ago County Judge Webster denied a petition for adoption by Frederick Nesme, an unmarried saloonkeeper who is a friend of the child's mother. Today it is reported that the mother of the child, Brigitte Priolet, will herself appear and seek to regain control of the little one.

Both the father and mother of the child, admitting their past shortcomings, will base their claim on promises of reform and future good conduct. Unglas, whose petition has been filed by C. Henri Labbe, the French vice consul, merely asks that the child be made a ward of the court and kept in some institution or convent for the present until he has opportunity to prove that his professions of reform are genuine.

Unglas says in his petition that the child was born in Toulouse, France, Brigitte Priolet being then his mistress. He was a married man, and admits deserting his wife to come to America, sending shortly after for the Priolet woman. He says that this woman in turn deserted him in Idaho for a multitude of lovers, and he now desires to resume home life. His wife is coming from France and they want the little girl for their own.

The mother of the child, who has been living in Aberdeen, Wash., is said to have been married within the last few weeks. She also has the reform idea, and information has been received that she will be on hand to ask that the child be not held in trust for Unglas, but awarded to her. Chief Probation Officer Teuscher will argue a plague on both their houses and ask that the child be placed out for adoption among strangers who can give her a good home.

LINNTON PEOPLE ARE AFTER 5-CENT FARE

To compel the United Railways to reduce the fare from Portland to Linnton from 10 cents to 5 cents, 27 citizens of Linnton have applied to the circuit court for a writ of mandamus. They are standing on the provisions of the franchise granted by the county court, alleging that the 10 cent fare is an extortionate rate, applied without authority.

The franchise to the United Railways was granted in May of last year, and one clause reads: "The company will charge for one continuous fare over said road from the city of Portland to Linnton, 5 cents, and no more."

Presiding Judge Bronaugh issued an alternative writ of mandamus, citing the United Railways to appear on July 6 and show cause why the fare should not be reduced to 5 cents. The hearing will take place before Judge Gantenbein.

Woman Attempts Suicide.

Mrs. A. M. Addison, 350 Hawthorne avenue, last night attempted to end her life by drinking carbolic acid, at a lonely spot on the Taylor Ferry road, near Fulton, as the result of a family quarrel. Her groans attracted the attention of John Bleeg, sexton of the Jewish cemetery, who succeeded in reviving the woman and taking her to her home, from which place she was later removed to a hospital by Dr. Fred Zeigler, city physician. She will recover.

Neighbors say the woman and her husband had words early in the afternoon and that about 7 o'clock in the evening she left home, declaring she would kill herself. A. M. Addison, the husband, is a police patrolman.

THEATRE FUND IS GROWING TO LIMIT

An even $100,000 had been subscribed up to noon today to the fund for building a new first class theatre in Portland. This leaves but $25,000 to be raised and Messers. Calvin Heilig and E. C. Mears, who are handling the financial end of the project are confident that this sum will be in hand by tomorrow night. "In fact," said Mr. Mears, "we have half of the $25,000 in sight now and there are a number of men whom we have not yet seen, but whom we have no doubt will subscribe for bonds when the subject is presented to them."

Not only are the bonds which bear six per cent interest attractive as an investment, but they are also valuable from the additional fact that each holder of $1000 of bonds is entitled to have one seat in the new theatre reserved during the life of the bond.

As soon as the $125,000 fund is subscribed arrangements will be made with all possible speed to begin the erection of the new theatre.

The bonds are to be issued in denominations of $500 and will mature in 20 years from date, although the right is reserved to retire the bonds at any time after three years, at a premium of five per cent.

The following is a list of the largest subscribers for the bonds: Henry L. Corbett, for the Corbett estate; John C. Ainsworth, W. B. Ayer, Failing estate, E. C. Sherlin, I. N. Fleischner, Walter J. Burns, J. K. Wentworth, Fred A. Kribs, Olds, Wortman & King, E. C. Mears, agent; Gay Lombard, Joseph M. Healy, Meier & Frank, A. L. Mills, Merchants National bank, Peter and Thomas Kerr, Rodney L. Glisan, B. S. Josselyn, J. H. Haak, Robert Smith, Lewis estate and the Oregon Daily Journal.

LOGGING ROAD IS REAL RAILROAD

Judge Bronaugh Decides That Little Lines Fall Under Terms of Statute.

Is a logging road a railroad? Presiding Judge Bronaugh in the circuit court today decided that it is when he overruled the demurrer of the defendant in the case of Hans Jorgensen against the Chapman Timber company, wherein Jorgenson asks for $5000 damages for a broken leg.

The Chapman company operates a logging road about five miles long, terminating at Scappoose, and it was the contention of the defendant that it was not liable where injury results from the negligence of a fellow servant. The legislature has exempted railroads from the operation of the fellow servant rule, but it was contended that a logging road could not be called a railroad.

John H. Stevenson, representing Jorgensen, produced law that convinced the judge that a logging road is a railroad, and the demurrer was therefore overruled.

AUTO DRIVER FINED FOR FAST SPEEDING

Out of six autoists arraigned in municipal court today, only R. Perry, who entered a plea of not guilty, was fined. He was compelled to pay $25. The autoists discharged were: N. M. Fulton, Oscar Huber, Ralph W. Hoyt, J. O. Gillen and J. H. Mountain. Not sufficient evidence to prove that they were driving their machines when the cars were seen speeding by the officers could be secured.

LIQUOR ORDINANCES CODIFIED BY GRANT

Deputy City Attorney Frank S. Grant has completed the codification of the city liquor ordinance and these with recommendations that some of them be repealed will be submitted to the liquor license committee at its regular meeting. The new code combines nearly 30 ordinances all in one as designed to prevent repetition and conflicting laws.

JOHN W. COOK IS APPOINTED RECEIVER

County Judge Webster has appointed John W. Cook as administrator of the estate of Charles F. Hawley, who died on June 23, leaving property estimated to be worth $4500. The only heir is the father of the deceased, W. W. Hawley of Cottage Grove.

An attempt is being made in California to acclimate the Korean fig, which grows on a hardy vine and is a delicious fruit.

BUSINESS MEN SAY TRAINS RUN WRONG

Charges of Discrimination Against Portland by Espee in Klamath Falls Service Are Filed With Chamber of Commerce.

Charges of discriminatory train schedules against Portland as regards the Klamath Falls country have been made by a number of Portland merchants and were this morning placed before the transportation committee of the chamber of commerce for investigation. It is claimed that traffic officials of the Southern Pacific are exercising their customary rule of favoring San Francisco as against Portland to the extent that Klamath bound travelers from Portland are compelled to waste an entire day at Weed, while San Francisco is given excellent connection with the new territory opened up by the California & Northeastern.

According to the present train schedule of the Southern Pacific there are but two trains out of Portland that carry passengers for Weed, the junction point with the California & Northeastern. Train No. 15 leaves Portland at 7:45 a. m. and reaches Weed at 4:30 p. m. the next day. Train No. 13 from Portland leaves here at 1:30 a. m. and arrives in Weed at 9:30 p. m. The one train out of Weed for Klamath Falls leaves Weed at 1:15 in the afternoon, so that passengers from Portland have to stand from 18 to 20 hours in Weed waiting for the Klamath Falls train.

Frisco Has It Easy.

This uncomfortable condition does not exist as regards the traveler to Klamath from California, however. Everything is made easy for him. He leaves San Francisco on No. 16 and arrives in Weed at 12:15 p. m., giving him but one hour in which he has to lay over at Weed. Coming out of Klamath Falls for Portland, the connections are more reasonable.

It is sugested that the leaving time of the Weed-Klamath Falls train be changed to 5 p. m., which would allow both California and Portland passengers time to catch their train for Klamath the same afternoon that they arrive in Weed.

Portland wholesalers claim that they are compelled to fight for every inch of territory that Portland is to have in the Klamath district and they consider the present arrangement of trains on the California & Northeastern an unnecessary hardship to put upon Portland and Klamath Falls business interests.

ONE PUNCH TOO MUCH IS BAD

Ex-Streetcar Man Gets Into Trouble Through Use of Fraudulent Transfers.

That L. L. Goodpasture, a former streetcar man now employed at the Washington street market, made use of about 60 bogus streetcar transfers before he was detected, is the statement made by Deputy Sheriff W. P. Lillis, who arrested Goodpasture this morning on a warrant from the circuit court charging him with uttering a forged transfer.

Goodpasture secured a conductor's punch from some source and also a packet of 100 unpunched transfers. Lillis found the punch and about 40 of the unused transfers at Goodpasture's place of business. When the bogus transfers began to come in they were quickly detected, as the punch marks were not right, and Lillis was assigned to the case. He finally saw Goodpasture punching some of the transfers to ride home over the Steel bridge after he quit work in the evening.

Goodpasture was indicted by the grand jury several days ago, the indictment being kept secret until the arrest. This morning he was released by Presiding Judge Bronaugh on $250 cash bail. Goodpasture told Lillis that he found the package of transfers and that a barber gave him the punch.

SPARROW TAKES A LOOK AT JUSTICE

A sparrow gained the unofficial notice of the court and the official attention of the court bailiff in Judge Gantenbein's department of the circuit court this morning. Several of the windows of the room were open, and the bird, flying in at one of these, perched itself on the blackboard used for diagrams just over Charles Gittere, who was in the witness chair.

After surveying the court for a short time the bird circuited the room once or twice, then struck the wall and fell in exhaustion. Protesting with a weak chirrup, it was picked up by Bailiff Courtney and restored to the free air outside.

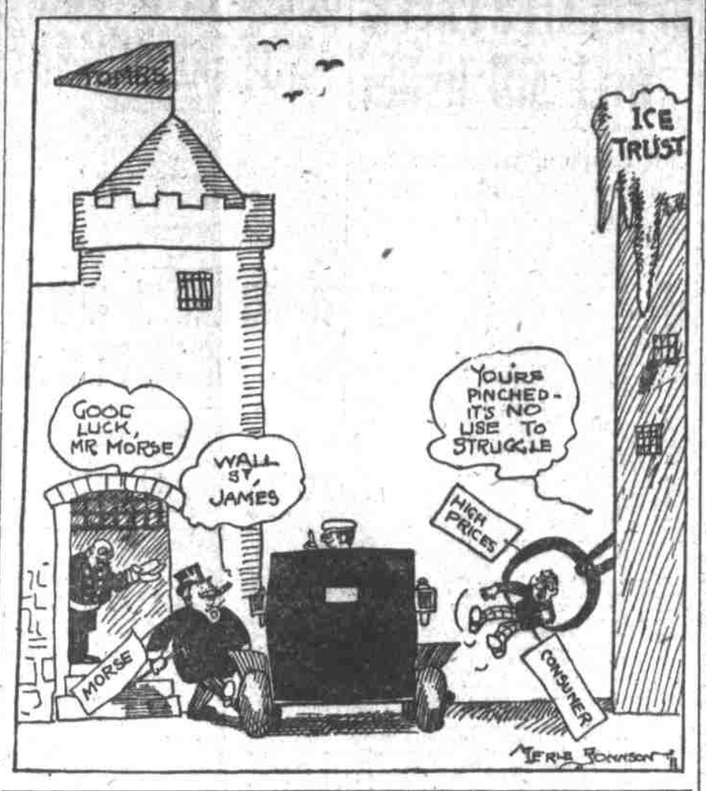
Gittere won the case on trial with ease, no appearance being made by W. Brunzel, whom he sued for $500 damages for selling him a team of balky horses. He testified that the team was guaranteed for farm work, but balked on him six miles from home after he made the purchase.

BAKER TO PRESIDE OVER CITY COUNCIL

There will be no fight for the presidency of the council. There never was a chance for a fight. A majority of the councilmen long ago conceded the place to George L. Baker and the recent combination which elected K. K. Kubli to succeed Frank S. Bennett emphasized the fact.

T. C. Devlin, councilman-at-large-elect, aspired to the presidency but it is said that his efforts to break the Baker combination have been entirely futile and that after approaching the adherents of the big theatrical manager and being unable to swing a single vote to his banner he gave up in disgust. It is now said that the election of Councilman Baker will be made unanimous.

MORSE COMES OUT; CONSUMER GOES IN



LARGE SUM IS SAVED ON BRIDGE

Mayor Lane and his executive board yesterday saved the city $25,000, and in doing it broke up what they believe to have been an attempt at collusion on the part of local contractors. Incidentally, the Pacific Bridge was out out of a fat "rakeoff" which it would have grabbed had it secured the contract for the new Madison street bridge.

When the bids for the construction of the bridge were opened it was found that by accepting the bid of the United Engineering and Construction company for the superstructure and also that of Robert Wakefield for the substructure, the viaduct could be built for $447,747.

This sum included the 5 per cent fee for the constructing engineers. The next lowest bid was that of the Pacific Bridge company, which was more than $25,000 higher. This company bid for superstructure and substructure.

Error Appears Bona Fide.

Owing to a clerical error in the bid of Mr. Wakefield his offer had been reduced by $10,000 from what he said was the sum he had intended to name. It appearing to the board that the mistake was bona fide and that by allowing him the $10,000 his bid would still be lower than that of any other contractor, the board consulted with the city attorney and offered to accept Mr. Wakefield's offer. By so doing the amount to be paid him would have been $104,750 instead of $94,750. Mr. Wakefield said he would sign a contract with the city on those conditions.

When the executive board met the next day to ratify the agreement and to sign a contract with Mr. Wakefield he had, however, changed his mind. He announced that he did not want to take the contract even with the concession offered him.

Board in Quandary.

For a minute or two the board was nonplused. If Wakefield refused to sign up a contract it seemed as though the work would have to go to the Pacific Bridge company and the city would have to pay $25,000 more than it ought to. Either that or readvertise for bids. But if bids were invited again would the city fare any better?

Neither the chief executive nor his advisers thought so, for stories had been whispered in their ears of a combination by which a little coterie of local contractors had agreed to grab the juicy Madison street bridge plum. It was rumored that big bridge building firms of eastern cities had been told to keep their hands off.

It was said that the word had been passed that the contract belonged to Portlanders and that if any outsider were foolhardy enough to interfere the foolish one would find himself up against a game of politics—and other barriers as well.

The fact that none of the outsiders seemed anxious to make a low bid seemed to bear witness to the fact that these rumors and whisperings were not without some little foundation. The mayor and his board pondered a minute or two. They looked at each other and at Mr. Wakefield with speculative gaze. For a brief space there was a thick silence in the committee room of the city hall.

Only for awhile, though—there was a noise like a mayor and somebody, presumably Dr. Lane, was heard to say: "So that's the game is it! Well, I think we can stop it. Yes, I think so!"

Mayor Shows His Hand.

Forthwith the mayor pulled out the joker of his no trump hand. He gently communicated to Mr. Wakefield the fact that the city had his certified check for $11,000 as surety that he would faithfully perform the contract he had agreed to take if his bid were accepted. Members of the executive board smiled broadly. Yes, that $11,000 might be some consolation!

Mr. Wakefield did not smile. He reconsidered. Result: he signed a contract to build the substructure.

The new and badly needed Madison street bridge had been assured to the people of Portland within the next 10 months. It had been assured, too, for a sum within the appropriation made for the purpose by the people and notice had been served upon a clique of contractors that competition must be allowed sway.

The outcome of the matter is that Wakefield will carry out his contract for the building of the substructure of the bridge and the entire cost to the city of the bridge will be $447,747.

MRS. GRANT REFUSES LEASE TO PHILLIPS

Judge Gantenbein in the circuit court today took up the trial of the case of R. E. Phillips against Edith M. Grant, in which the plaintiff is seeking to secure specific performance of an agreement for renewal of a lease and also for $5000 damages alleged to have been sustained since the old lease expired.

Mrs. Grant, who lives in California, is resisting the suit on the ground that Phillips has allowed the premises to be used as an immoral resort and for the sale of liquor, in violation of the provisions of the lease. The lease was first made in 1904 for $425 per month for five years, with renewal privileges at the end of the term for another five years at $500 per month. Notice of desire to renew was given, and was refused on the grounds named.

YOUNG ROBBINS SAYS NOT GUILTY

At Preliminary Hearing Suspect in Murder Case Declares Innocence.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Hood River, Or., June 29.—George Robbins, held by the Hood River authorities in connection with the mysterious murder Saturday night of Mrs. Emeline Casto on the ranch of William Robbins, in whose employ she had been as housekeeper for about four months, is having his preliminary hearing this afternoon. Though having been subjected to rigorous examination at the county jail, where he has been kept in solitary confinement since his incarceration Monday morning, young Robbins this afternoon steadfastly maintained his innocence.

The hearing was commenced at 10 o'clock this morning before Justice Buck. The witnesses examined in the morning were William Robbins, father of the suspected man; Mrs. Norder, who received the telephone message which called the old man away from home when the murder was committed; Constable Ganger, who arrested Robbins in Portland; Mrs. Anderson, who swore that she met the prisoner in the grove adjacent to the house where the murder was committed; Enoch Brayford, proprietor of the Rockford store where the telephone message is supposed to have been sent; George Clark, a young man whom Constable Ganger says Robbins told him he owed money to.

The only damaging evidence against Robbins was that of Mrs. Anderson, who swore positively that she met the suspected man in the grove, that he tipped his hat to her, and that the time was 4 o'clock. Young Clark denied the statement that Robbins owed him money.

During the morning hearing, the prisoner was apparently unmoved and held frequent whispering conversations with his attorneys. The court room was crowded. A large number of persons unable to gain admittance, waited around the outside of the court house.

A Philadelphian has invented knives, forks and spoons so modelled as to teach a child to handle such utensils correctly. They can be held comfortably in the right position.

PORTLANDER FOUL PLAY VICTIM?

Martin B. Evans Mysteriously Vanishes After Writing Wife That He Will Be Home Friday or Saturday of Last Week.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Tacoma, Wash., June 29.—No tangible clue has been found to the whereabouts of Martin B. Evans, secretary of the Purdy Investment company of Portland, who has been missing for nearly a week. Evans was last heard from through a postal card postmarked Tacoma, 8 a. m., last Thursday, and received by Mrs. Evans in Portland the same day. This card, written by Evans the previous evening, is as follows:

"9 p. m. Train a little late. I am now for my supper order at a restaurant. Don't think I will go out to H. tonight, as it is too late. Don't expect me home before Friday or Saturday. Yours, J."

"J." was a nickname with which Evans was accustomed to sign himself.

It developed today that Evans, came to Tacoma to investigate certain acts of a business associate which are said to involve the forgery of the name of a prominent Portland citizen. Evans is stated to have communicated the information that this associate had threatened to "knife" him if he did anything about the matter.

Haggard From Worry.

Early last week Evans had a conference in Portland with George E. Tenney, proprietor of the Palace hotel in Seattle, and communicated the entire facts of the affair. Tenney states that Evans said he had spent many sleepless nights, and that he looked haggard from worry. Tuesday Tenney returned to Seattle and Wednesday Evans came to Tacoma to consult F. S. D. Hughes, a private detective with whom he was acquainted, and Attorneys T. T. Spurgeon and Lewis F. Chester, with whom Hughes had taken the matter up after correspondence with Evans. Neither Hughes nor the attorneys had been advised of the exact date when Evans would arrive.

Friday Mrs. Evans telephoned to Hughes from Portland, asking where her husband was and telling him of having received the postal. This was the first intimation Hughes had that Evans had been in the city. Since then Hughes has been in consultation with Tenney and other Seattle friends of Evans and has been exerting every possible effort to locate him. His friends fear that he may have become mentally deranged and be wandering somewhere or that his enemies have dealt foully with him.

BRAKEMAN ORDERS MAN TO JUMP; BREAKS LEG

Woodburn, Or., June 29.—Knobe Mattock, a young man of Salem, was beating his way on a northbound freight train yesterday and a brakeman ordered him to get off as the train neared Woodburn. Instead of waiting until the train stopped Mattock jumped off at the outskirts of the town and sustained a fracture of his left leg below the knee. A. A. Lowrey, who was with him, claims the brakeman told Mattock to swing off as the train was passing the foundry at a fast clip. The brakeman denies this.

JOHN KIRK IS ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

John Kirk, the Turn Halle bartender who was injured in a runaway on the Sholl's Ferry road last Sunday and is now at the Good Samaritan hospital, is so improved that he will probably be removed to his home, 189 Park street, within a few days. For some time after the accident Kirk was in a comatose condition and for a time it was thought that his life was in jeopardy.

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